School Newsletter: 27th November 2026

Welcome

We have had another wonderful week in school this week. The children started their week thinking about setting goals for themselves and discussing the need to persevere and try again if something is not easy to learn. We have been impressed with the children's resilience in this and their determination to try their very best.

Our early years children have been making the most of their outdoor provision this week and there has been lots of hands-on learning outside.

Key Stage One are thoroughly enjoying their current topics based on History themes, learning about the past and what life was like for people during different times. Year Two have particularly enjoyed looking through photographs from the past and seeing if they can spot anyone they recognise!

We would like to thank all our families for the ongoing support we receive. Our positive communication with you is of paramount importance and we encourage you to liaise with your child's class teacher/key worker regarding anything they can support you with.

Key dates:

Thursday 3rd December- 3.30pm-5.30pm Reception and Early Years 2027 Open Evening
Monday 4th January- School and Wraparound closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January- School Opens

Dates for our Christmas celebrations:

Thursday 10th December at 3.30pm – Bake Sale (donations of baked goods would be gratefully appreciated).
Tuesday 15th December at 9.15am – Reception's Christmas Performance.
Wednesday 16th December at 9.00am- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carols and book look- Year 1 parents/carers are invited to join us on this day
Thursday 17th December at 9.00am- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Carols and book look- Year 2 parents/carers are invited to join us on this day.
Thursday 17th December- Christmas Dinner and Santa Day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.
Friday 18th December- Our last school day before we close for Christmas holidays- Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.

Governor Matters

The governors would like to remind all our families of the information below regarding School Road.

School Road is closed to all traffic from 8.15am and 2.30pm

Please can all our families be aware that School Road is closed to vehicles at the beginning/end of the school day.

This is a council-led initiative which was put into place in order to support the safety of residents and school children/staff.

The school governors previously agreed that, if necessary, anyone holding a blue-badge could access the school car park therefore the gates will remain unlocked.

However, school has no jurisdiction over School Road and it officially remains closed at these times.

We ask that anyone using School Road during times that it is open, drives considerately. Thank you.

Headlice

We have had reports of head lice in school. Please could all parents/carers check their child's hair regularly and treat promptly if any live lice are found. Checking and treating head lice as soon as possible helps prevent them from spreading to other children. For advice on treatment, please speak to your pharmacist or visit the NHS website.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep head lice under control. 😉

This week's attendance: from Friday 20th November- Thursday 26th November.

We know that many of our learners have been struck with some nasty illnesses this week. Please can we remind parents and carers to follow our absence reporting procedures to avoid the school office having to chase these up each morning.

When your child is very poorly, the best place is to be at home. However, we do ask that as your child starts to feel well again, you send them back to school. Our staff are extremely vigilant in observing children and any concerns are communicated to home. Thank you for your ongoing support in working with us.

This week our attendance superstars are Oak class!!

Hedgehog Class	80.8%
Squirrel Class	93%
Oak Class	97.6%
Beech Class	96%
Maple Class	95.6%
Chestnut Class	94.7%

Attendance	Category	What This Means
95% and Above	Good Attendance	Meeting national expectations for attendance. Children with attendance at or above 95% are more likely to achieve their full potential and benefit from all aspects of school life.
90% to 94.9%	Below Expectation	Attendance is below the expected level and may begin to affect learning, progress and wellbeing. The school may contact families to discuss attendance and offer support where required.
Below 90%	Attendance Concern	Attendance is a significant concern and falls below the level expected by the Local Authority. In line with Cumberland Council's attendance procedures, continued low attendance may result in involvement from the Local Authority Attendance Team and further intervention.